

Minnesota Agriculture in the Global Economy

Did You Know?

1. Did you know that nearly 90% of the shrimp eaten in the U.S. comes from other countries?
2. Did you know that there is now a farm in Balaton, MN, in Lyon County, that safely raises shrimp? (It is called tru Shrimp.)
3. Did you know that Americans eat 75 acres of pizza every day (considering commodities needed in all parts of the production process, such as the pizza box, trees, wheat, cheese, tomatoes, livestock, etc.)?
4. Did you know that “First Kiss” is the name for the newest variety of apple developed at the University of Minnesota in 2018? (If the apple variety is grown anywhere outside of Minnesota, it is called “Rave.”)
5. Did you know Minnesota is the top producer in the country of turkeys? (Kandiyohi County raises the most.)
6. Did you know that the Mississippi River transports 59% of all grain exported from the United States? (The headwaters of the Mississippi are in Clearwater County, in northern Minnesota.)
7. Did you know that Minnesota raises more sugarbeets than any other state in the U.S.? (Polk County leads MN in sugarbeet production with 2.5 million tons.)
8. Did you that that Martin County, MN, has the most hogs of any county? (700,000!)
9. Did you know that Otter Tail County leads the state in bison (buffalo) production?
10. Did you know that Minnesota has an association of Christmas tree growers? (MNCTA)